

**COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE NETWORK**  
*Children, Family & Futures*

**HIGH DESERT PARTNERSHIP FOR KIDS**

MINUTES

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**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Self-Introductions were made.

**2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

One minor correction was made to the agenda regarding a typographical error.

**3. Approval of March Minutes**

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

**4. Guest Speaker: Gary Pena of the Parole and Community Services Division regarding Parole Orientation**

Please see power point attachment for details from presentation.

Questions and Comments: Does the parolee have to go back to the County and City where the crime was committed? Answer: The parolee must go back to the city of last legal residence. As a result of Proposition 36, Counties were given the job of assisting parolees with a variety of resources once they left prison. Mr. Pena invited anyone interested in providing services to the parolees to attend the Parolee Orientation conducted every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Parole Division, 303 W. Fifth Street, San Bernardino (corner of Fifth and Arrowhead Avenue).

**5. Guest Speaker: Susan Taylor, Children's Network on Child Abuse Prevention Month and Fun in the Sun Campaign.**

- April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Master sets of child abuse prevention materials are available, if interested please sign up on the copy being distributed
- The Master sets include holiday materials
- Sue is working on getting more of the materials translated to Spanish
- Sue distributed a listing of all the titles available
- Sue mentioned other child abuse prevention materials available while supplies last
- Sue asked that the participants call her with events to be put on the master event calendar, which helps identify gaps in material distribution

Susan Melanson added:

- There is some stock available in the Children's Network office for small orders
- Big orders are to be picked up at the warehouse
- 66,000 pieces of child abuse prevention campaign materials were distributed to county schools

## 6. Roundtable/Discussion

Barbara Cook of San Bernardino Sexual Assault Services

- They were a contributor to the First 5 magazine with an article on Sexual Assault/Stranger Danger for zero to five.
- They have had success in training parents and caregivers what to look for in sexual assault of small children.

Christine De Lara of San Bernardino County, TAD (Transitional Assistance Division)

- Christine distributed a flyer on a fundraiser on May 1<sup>st</sup> for the Children's Miracle Network in Los Angeles.

Mia Hardin of Inspirational Visions

- Mia is working with two young men who will be graduating and are seniors now. She asked if anyone knew an organization that could assist. Answer: Children's Fund might be able to assist; call them at (909) 387-4949. Mia's telephone number is (760) 947-3317.

Cathy Smith of Alpha Connection

- At the Mavericks Season Opener, there will be fireworks and attendees are asked to bring a piece of clothing as a donation going to Alpha Connection.
- Cathy thanked those who made donations for their families to have a special Easter.

Carmen Laird of Community Tool Box

- They were able to get some funding from the City of Adelanto CDBG (Community Development Block Grant)
- They applied for some grant funding and are waiting for word back from the California Endowment

Marilena Campfield of SB County CHDP

- Marilena had further information about an event on April 26<sup>th</sup>, where Hearing tests will be performed.

Vici Nagel of High Desert Community Coalitions

- Save the Date, 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Inland Empire Nonprofit Conference on May 19<sup>th</sup> for fundraising and grant writing from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at a cost of \$50 which includes continental breakfast, lunch, and ice cream social. The event will be held at the University of Redlands.
- Make your reservation by April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The April workshop has been rescheduled to April 27<sup>th</sup> and will be covering the Foundation Center Database

Mary Jaquish of First 5 San Bernardino

- Reviewed funding information distributed at meeting

- The 2004 outcomes are available on the First 5 website [www.sanbernardinokids.org](http://www.sanbernardinokids.org)
- Through the First 5 website you can link to the Anne Casey Foundation and link to the Child Welfare Services Redesign information along with a variety of online education tools

Susan Melanson of Children's Network

- You are welcome to come to the next CCPC (Child Care & Planning Council) meeting. Dr. Chasnoff is presenting a short version of his keynote presentation from the Children's Network Annual Conference on September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>
- The updated MOU is available, next update will be made in January

**7. Next Meeting Date: May 10, 2004 9:00 am**  
**Desert Mountain Educational Service Center**  
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Respectfully Submitted,

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